

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method of inducing endothelium-dependent relaxation in blood vessels comprising introducing an effective amount of epicatechin-galloyl-epicatechin-gallate (B2-di-gallate) to a patient.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of concomitantly administering an effective amount of L-arginine to the patient.
3. (Original) A pharmaceutical compound for inducing endothelium-dependent relaxation in blood vessels comprising an effective amount of epicatechin-galloyl-epicatechin-gallate (B2-di-gallate).
4. (Original) The pharmaceutical compound of claim 3 wherein the epicatechin monomers are galloylated.
5. (Original) The pharmaceutical compound of claim 3 further comprising an effective amount of L-arginine.
6. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical compound of claim 3 wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of ~~Fig. 6(a) and Fig. 6(b)~~ dimer di-gallate in the positive ion mode and dimer di-gallate in the negative ion mode.
7. (Original) A kit for inducing endothelium-dependent relaxation in blood vessels comprising an effective amount of epicatechin-galloyl-epicatechin-gallate (B2-di-gallate) and an effective amount of L-arginine.
8. (Currently Amended) The kit of claim 7 wherein said epicatechin-galloyl-epicatechin-gallate is selected from the group consisting of ~~Fig. 6(a) and Fig. 6(b)~~ dimer di-gallate in the positive ion mode and dimer di-gallate in the negative ion mode.